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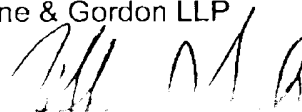
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The undersigned, duly appointed principal attorney in the matter of the above-identified application hereby appoints Paul A. Serbinowski, Reg. No. 34429 associate attorney with full power in the premises, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, and to transact business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

It is requested that all further correspondence in the matter of the application continue to be addressed directly to said principal attorney.

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